

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-15, 29-35, and 37-40 are pending in the Application. Claims 16-28 are canceled in this response without prejudice to refiling. Claims 29-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by May (U.S. Pat. No. 3,124,113). Claims 29-46 are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Baudry (U.S. Pat. No. 3,382,850). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Application in view of amendments and remarks herein.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Independent claim 29 recites "substantially all of the combustion mixture in the auxiliary combustion chamber is the dilute combustion mixture received from the main combustion chamber." Independent claim 35 includes a similar limitation. May fails to disclose this limitation. Rather, in May "a relatively rich air-fuel mixture is introduced into the auxiliary combustion chamber 22 from a simple auxiliary carburetor 28." (col. 1, lines 61-63) Therefore, substantially all of the combustion mixture in the auxiliary combustion chamber is not received from the main combustion chamber. Baudry likewise fails to disclose this limitation. In Baudry a secondary stream of rich mixture is directed towards the electrode of the spark plug (col. 2, lines 57-64), and into the cavity. Therefore, substantially all of the combustion mixture in the auxiliary combustion chamber is not the dilute combustion mixture of the main combustion chamber. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections to independent claims 29 and 35 and their dependent claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Conclusion

In view of the above, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully submit that the Application is in condition for allowance, and request such a notice. If the present Application is not allowed and/or if one or more of the objections is maintained or made final, Applicants hereby request a telephone conference with the Examiner and further request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney to schedule a telephone conference.

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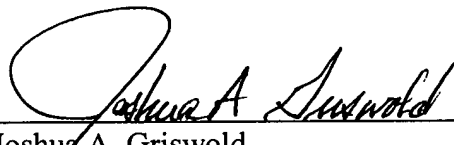
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This response is being filed together with a Request for Continued Examination, and a check for the fee prescribed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is enclosed herewith. No other fees are believed to be due. However, please apply any deficiencies, other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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